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SUBJECT: PRC ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE PRGSVN

REF: HONG KONG 6012

1. THE PRC HAS SIGNED ITS FIRST DIRECT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRGSVN) ON JULY 19 (NCNA). DESCRIBED AS PROVIDING "EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY FREE ECONOMIC AID", THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY PRC FOREIGN TRADE VICE MINISTER LI CHIANG AND RSVN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA NGUYEN VAN QUANG DURING THE VISIT OF A SOUTH VIETNAMESE "ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS" GROUP TO PEKING. PRC VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN AND NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE NGUYEN TIEN ATTENDED THE CEREMONY. NO DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WERE PUBLISHED.

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2. IN PROVIDING DIRECT AID TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, PEKING HAS APPARENTLY ALTERED ITS PAST PRACTICE OF CHANNELING ALL SUCH AID THROUGH NORTH VIETNAM. CHINA CONCLUDED ITS ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR "GRATUITOUS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE" TO THE DRV ON JUNE 8 (REFTEL). AT THAT TIME THERE WAS NO SUGGESTION THAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THE PRGSVN.

3. THE BEGINNING OF DIRECT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE PRGSVN IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PRC'S POSITION THAT THE VIETNAM WAR HAS FORMALLY ENDED AND THE WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN (REFTEL). IT IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE PRC'S POLICY OF IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF THE PRGSVN, WHICH SINCE THE LE DUAN-PHAM VAN DONG VISIT IN JUNE, PEKING HAS TERMED "THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE" OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
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